

# Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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**Post-Travel Filing Instructions:** Complete this form within 30 days of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the **Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building**

In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached:

- ☒ The **original** *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* (Form RE-1), **AND**
- ☒ A **copy** of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form* with all attachments (itinerary, invitee list, etc.)

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): J Street Education Fund

Travel date(s): August 10-18, 2018

Name of accompanying family member (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

IF THE COST OF LODGING **DID NOT INCREASE** DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

## Expenses for Employee:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate	\$1911.84	\$2,025.69	\$750	\$851.46 (details in Addendum A)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

## Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable):

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate				
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.): Please see attached itinerary.

09/11/2018  
(Date)

Christopher A. Gaspar  
(Printed name of traveler)

Christopher A. Gaspar  
(Signature of traveler)

## TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

09/11/2018  
(Date)

James Feinstein  
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

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<b>Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$851.46</b>
hostess	\$184.21
Hotel portorage, water, snacks on bus	\$50.00
Tour Guide (Old City)	\$21.41
Private meeting rooms	\$131.58
guests at meals	\$110.53
Danny Seidemann East Jerusalem Tour Fee	\$26.32
Ron Shatzberg Security Barrier Tour Fee	\$32.63
Independence Trail	\$18.42
Oslo Diaries Film Screening Fee	\$26.32
Rabin Center tour and entrance fee	\$28.47
Machane Yehuda Tour	\$44.74
Printing	\$13.68
Tips for guides and bus driver	\$105.26
Security + expenses	\$57.89



## EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

**Pre-Travel Filing Instructions:** Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220**. Incomplete and late travel submissions will **not** be considered or approved. This form **must** be typed and is available as a fillable PDF on the Committee's website at [ethics.senate.gov](http://ethics.senate.gov). Retain a copy of your entire pre-travel submission for your required post-travel disclosure.

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Name of Traveler: Christopher Gaspar

Employing Office/Committee: Senator Feinstein

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): J Street Education Fund

Travel date(s): August 10 - August 18, 2018

*Note: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you **must** notify the Committee.*

Destination(s): Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Israel

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

The trip will visit Israel and the Palestinian territories. As Senator Feinstein's Legislative Assistant for Foreign Affairs, the trip is an opportunity to view, first-hand, the issues that have prevented a resolution to this conflict for more than 70 years.

Name of accompanying family member (if any): N/A

Relationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge:

07/16/2018  
(Date)

Christopher A. Gaspar  
(Signature of Employee)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING SENATOR/OFFICER (President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain):

I, Senator Feinstein hereby authorize Christopher Gaspar  
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name) (Print Traveler's Name)

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate. (signify "yes" by checking box) ☐

07/16/2018  
(Date)

Dianne Feinstein  
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)



# Street Education Fund

April 24, 2018

Christopher Gaspar  
United States Senate  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chris,

We are pleased to invite you to join a delegation of congressional staffers for an educational trip to Israel and the West Bank sponsored by the J Street Education Fund (JSEF). This trip, which will be on the ground in Israel for seven days, will depart on Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup> and return on Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>.

Through this trip, JSEF's Len Hill Education Program hopes to provide an opportunity for congressional staffers to achieve a more nuanced understanding of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The trip will enhance your knowledge of the region and the dynamics behind one of the most vexing foreign policy challenges facing the United States. In addition, it will explore the essential role of active, engaged and sustained US diplomatic leadership in bringing about a two-state solution. The program will also include:

- Meetings with senior Israeli and Palestinian Authority government officials, as well as leading non-governmental voices;
- Visits to Sderot on Israel's Gaza border and to Ramallah, in the West Bank;
- A briefing on Israel's security and the Iron Dome missile defense system.

This delegation enables congressional staffers to have a one-of-a-kind experience that gives a unique perspective on what is at stake in the region and how American leadership can help bring about peace.

All trip related expenses will be paid for by JSEF in compliance with the Senate Committee on Ethics rules. At least 30 days prior to departure, participants are responsible for submitting the "Primary Trip Sponsor Form," filled out by JSEF, as well as the "Traveler Form." If you have any questions about the rules, please contact the Senate Committee on Ethics. Prior to the trip, JSEF will conduct a briefing to provide background information and logistics in preparation for your visit.

I hope that you will be able to join us on in this important, thought-provoking and educational trip. If you have any questions, please contact Madeleine Cereghino at (202) 448-1607, or at [madeleine@jstreet.org](mailto:madeleine@jstreet.org), at any time to discuss the details of the sponsored trip and our organization.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Ben-Ami  
President  
J Street Education Fund

*The J Street Education Fund (JSEF) is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that does not hire or retain registered lobbyists. JSEF is a member of the J Street family of pro-Israel, pro-peace organizations.*

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## PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors):  
J Street Education Fund
2. Description of the trip: This is an educational trip to Israel and the Palestinian Territory to provide an opportunity to learn about the complexities of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict
3. Dates of travel: August 10 -18, 2018
4. Place of travel: Tel Aviv, Israel and Jerusalem
5. Name and title of Senate invitees: Chris Gaspar, Legislative Assistant for Sen. Feinstein
6. I *certify* that the trip fits one of the following categories:  
☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.  
**- OR -**  
☐ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.  
**- AND -**  
☒ I *certify* that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
8. I *certify* that:  
☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.  
**- AND -**  
☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).

9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**

I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

- ☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **one** overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

**- OR -**

- ☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **two** overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (*see questions 6 and 10*).

**- OR -**

- ☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

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11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

JSEF is the sole sponsor. JSEF staff alone planned the trip, itinerary, chose attendees and will be staffing the trip. Len Hill Family Foundation gave a general grant to JSEF's program with no requirement that the funds be used for this Congressional trip. They have not directly or indirectly earmarked funds for this trip.

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

As JSEF is a non-profit dedicated to educating people about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, traveling to the region to take people on educational tours and to a variety of meetings helps people learn first-hand about the conflict.

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

JSEF has sponsored over ten Congressional trips for members of the House of Representatives.

This is the first trip sponsored for Senate employees.



15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

JSEF also brings Israeli and Palestinian speakers to the United States on speaking tours. JSEF plans conferences and has on campus student groups.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate	\$1909 Total	\$2,487 Total	\$850 Total	\$495 Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	\$1725 (flight) \$184 coach bus for on the ground transportation	Tel Aviv hotel is \$321 per night (\$642 total) Jerusalem hotel is \$305 per night (\$1,220 total)	\$243 meals in Tel Aviv \$607 meals in Jerusalem	Please see attached

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

This trip is organized with regard to congressional participation.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

We chose to visit Israel and the Palestinian Territory because it is important to see first-hand the complex issues related to the conflict.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

InterContinental David Tel Aviv located at Kaufmann St 12, Tel Aviv-Yafo, 61501, Israel  
Inbal Jerusalem Hotel located at Ze'ev Jabotinsky Street 3, Jerusalem, 92145, Israel

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

We chose these hotels due to their locations, security and comfort.

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21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

Expenses in both cities are below per diem.

Tel Aviv hotel costs \$320 per night (per diem is \$420) & meal cost is \$121.4 per day (per diem is \$170)

Jerusalem hotel costs \$305 per night (per diem is \$400) & meal cost is \$121.4 per day (per diem is \$140)

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

Our flights will be round trip commercial flights in coach. Ground transportation will be a chartered bus.

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

We will watch a screening of the Oslo Diaries, a documentary about the Oslo peace negotiations.

to provide more depth and historical context to the challenge of achieving peace. (Please see attached).

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you *must* include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor):

Signature of Travel Sponsor:

Name and Title:

Name of Organization: J Street Education Fund

Address: PO Box 66073

Telephone Number: 202-448-1607

Fax Number:

E-mail Address: madeleine@jstreet.org



Estimated other expenses of the trip per person:

- \$200 Logistics Coordinator fee
- \$75 Tour guides (Old City, Tel Aviv, Settlements)
- \$100 Meeting room rentals and A/V equipment and set up
- \$100 Security guards
- \$20 Printing

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Addendum to Question 24 Information regarding the Oslo Diaries Screening

This documentary will provide context to past attempts to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. We will use the screening of this documentary as a platform for us to discuss past efforts to achieve peace and to talk about what can be done today in the current environment, while exploring lessons learned from Oslo. Following the screening, we will have a Question and Answer session with one of the negotiators of the Oslo Accords. All travelers will be attending this screening.





JSEF August 2018 Delegation Senate Invitees

Christopher Gaspar, Office of Senator Feinstein

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## August 10 - 18, 2018

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 10: TRAVEL**

12:30 PM Flight departs IAD airport

**10:15 AM**                  **Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv**

**11:15 AM**      **Drive to the David Intercontinental Hotel**

<b>11:45 AM</b>	<b>Check-in</b>
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**1:15 PM**                      **Meet on 2. floor of David Intercontinental Hotel depart for lunch (by bus)**

**1:30 – 3:00 PM      Welcome Lunch**

*The delegation's leaders will meet and introduce themselves, share their personal narratives and previous experiences relating to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, and outline their expectations for the week ahead. We will also review the itinerary and provide the framing for the program elements.*

**Location:** Claro, 23 Ha'arbaa St., Tel Aviv-Yafo

**3:15 PM** **Drive to Rothschild Blvd.**

**3:30 – 5:30 PM      Independence Trail Walking Tour**

*It was here in Tel Aviv that the State of Israel was born. Participants will go on a historical walking tour that takes us from a Hebrew city to a Hebrew state, a trail that begins with the founding of Tel Aviv in 1909 and ends with the establishment of Israel in 1948. This tour will give historical context to the founding of the State of Israel and the early years of its establishment.*

**Guide:** Itzik Dror, Tour Guide, Tel Aviv Global

**5:30 PM** **Executive time**

**Hotel:** *David Intercontinental Hotel* | 12 Kaufman Street, Tel Aviv | +972-3-795-1111



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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 12: ISRAEL – HISTORICAL NARRATIVE AND SECURITY CHALLENGES**

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6:30 – 8:55 AM	Buffet breakfast served at hotel
9:00 – 10:15 AM	<p><b>Seminar: Israeli-Palestinian Conflict 101 (Part 1)</b> <i>This session will serve as an orientation, with the goal of framing the week ahead in light of the history, geography and political dynamics in the region.</i></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Yael Patir, J Street Israel Director</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Library Room - 3rd Floor of the Hotel</p>
10:15 AM	<b>Drive to Rabin Center</b>
10:45 - 12:30 PM	<p><b>The Israeli Museum at the Rabin Center: A journey through Israel's modern history</b> <i>A docent will lead participants through the Israeli Museum at the Yitzhak Rabin Center, which presents two parallel stories: the history of Israel and Israeli society, and the biography of Yitzhak Rabin. This museum will give us a foundation for the rest of the trip's discussions of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The Museum exhibits focus on historical turning points in the country's development, presenting the conflicts, social challenges and dilemmas the country faced at that time. In preparation for our lunch discussion, this museum will teach us about how the modern state was born.</i></p> <p><b>Location:</b> The Israeli Museum, Rabin Center</p>
12:30 – 2:00 PM	<p><b>Lunch discussion – The Vision of Israel</b> <i>The modern State of Israel was born in 1948, based on an idea of reclaiming Jewish history and the Jewish people's right to self-determination. At lunch, we hear from MK Yael Cohen-Paran regarding the founding vision of Zionism that she most relates to, and we will reflect upon where we are today, and hear about her vision for the future of the State of Israel.</i></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> MK Yael Cohen-Paran, Zionist Union</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Rabin Center</p>
2:00 – 2:45 PM	<p><b>Israeli-Palestinian Conflict 101 (continued)</b></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Yael Patir, J Street Israeli Director</p>
2:45 PM	<b>Walk to The Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)</b>
3:00 – 4:00 PM	<p><b>Two-State Solution? Where do we go from here?</b> <i>This session will serve to layout Israeli strategic interests in promoting the two-state solution given the geo-strategic developments and the emerging regional reality. We will also look at the steps that can be taken to promote the two-state solution in the current political environment.</i></p>

**Speaker:** Adv. Gilead Sher, Founder, Blue White Future

**Location:** Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)

**4:15 – 5:00 PM**

**Meeting with MK Michal Rozin, Meretz**

*Hear from MK Michal Rozin from the Meretz Party about her top-line issues, including separation of religion and state, asylum seekers, human rights, and democracy, as well her opinions regarding the resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.*

**Location:** INSS

**5:15 PM – 6:15 PM**

**Strategic Briefing: Regional Developments and Dynamics**

*We will receive a strategic security briefing from the former head of the IDF's Strategic Planning Division regarding strategic trends in the Middle East and challenges and opportunities for Israel within this continuously developing region.*

**Speaker:** Brig. Gen. (ret.) Udi Dekel, Managing Director, INSS

**Location:** INSS

**6:15 PM**

**Drive to Hotel**

**6:30 - 7:15 PM**

**Executive Time**

**7:30 – 9:30 PM**

**Dinner with Young Israeli Social Entrepreneurs**

*In this dinner, we will have the opportunity to hear from young progressive Israeli social entrepreneurs working for an end to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and social change in Israeli society in a variety of different sectors.*

**Guest Speakers:**

Mikhael Manekin, Israel Director, Alliance for Israel's Future

Hila Aloni Ohayon, Standing Together

Michal Gera-Margaliot, Managing Director, Israel Women's Network

Nasreen Hadad Haj-Yahya, Co-Director of the Arab-Jewish Relations Program, Israel Democracy Institute

Tomer Pines, Chair, Young Labor

**Location:** Goshen, 30 Nachalat Binyamin, Tel Aviv

**Hotel:** **David Intercontinental Hotel** | 12 Kaufman Street, Tel Aviv | +972-3-795-1111

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**MONDAY, AUGUST 13: GOING SOUTH - GAZA**

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***\*Logistical note: We will be checking out of the hotel today. Before we meet, please (1) bring your luggage to the 2- floor to be loaded to the bus; (2) settle any additional items charged to your room at the front desk and (3) bring your passports with you.***

**7:30 – 7:45 AM**

**Load luggage onto the bus (2- floor)**

**8:00 - 9:15 AM**

**Breakfast: Gaza Briefing by Gisha**



*Gisha is an Israeli non-profit organization that works to protect the freedom of movement of Palestinians, especially Gaza residents. In this briefing, representatives from Gisha will give their assessment of the situation in Gaza from a human-rights perspective.*

**Speakers:**

Tania Hary, Executive Director, Gisha

Mohammed Azaiza, Gaza Field Coordinator, Gisha

**Location:** Library Room - 3rd Floor of the Hotel

**9:15 AM**

**Drive down south: Israeli-Palestinian Conflict 101 (Part 2)**

*En route to there will be a briefing on the bus lead by Yael Patir. The Road to Peace – an overview of peace-processes, agreements and core issues, as well as the US role in the conflict.*

**10:30 – 11:15 AM**

**Gaza Border Tour with IDF**

*The security briefing by the IDF on the Gaza border will acquaint us with the major security threats Israel faces on this southern border with Gaza.*

**Speaker:** Lt. Col. Jonathan Conricus, Head of the International Media Branch of the IDF Spokesperson's Unit

**11:30 PM – 12:30 PM Gaza Briefing by the Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT)**

*A briefing by the IDF's Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories regarding the humanitarian situation in Gaza and the work that Israel is conducting in order to address the needs on the ground.*

**Speaker:** Captain Lior Schweitzer, Infrastructure Officer at the Coordination and Liaison Administration to Gaza

**Location:** Erez Crossing

**12:45 – 1:30 PM**

**Lunch in Kfar Aza with Alon Schuster, Head of Sha'ar HaNegev Regional Council**

**Location:** Kibbutz Kfar Aza

**1:30 - 2:30 PM**

**Tour of Kfar Aza**

*On the tour of Kfar Aza, an Israeli kibbutz 3 km east of Gaza border, we will learn about daily life in the Gaza Envelope region and discuss the effects of the ongoing rocket fire as well as the recent "fire-kites" from Gaza.*

**Speaker:** Ophir Libstein, CEO of the Kibbutz Industries Association and resident of Kfar Aza

**Location:** Kfar Aza

**2:30 PM**

Drive to Jerusalem

**5:00 – 6:00 PM**

**Briefing by the Office of the UN Special Coordinator for the**

**Middle East Peace Process**

*We will learn about UN agency work in the region, and have the opportunity to hear an analysis by the office of the Special Coordinator of the current situation on the ground and their understanding as to the appropriate actions for maintaining conditions that can be conducive for a future viable peace process.*

**Speaker:** Nadav Greenberg, Political Affairs Officer

**Location:** UN Headquarters in Jerusalem

**6:15 – 7:15 PM**

**Check-in to hotel**

**7:30 – 9:30 PM**

**Dinner with Israeli and Palestinian Peace and Human Rights Activists**

*At dinner, we will be joined by Israeli and Palestinian Peace and Human Rights leaders who will provide us with insights into the work they are doing to advance people-to-people cooperation and the protection of human rights for those affected by the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict.*

**Guest Speakers:**

Sarit Michaeli, International Advocacy Officer, B'Tselem  
Bassam Aramin, International Spokesperson, Bereaved Families Forum  
Dr. Gershon Baskin, Co-Founder and Co-Chairman, IPCRI  
Shaqued Morag, Executive Director, Peace Now  
Huda Abuarqoub, Regional Director, ALLMEP  
Soulaïman Khatib, Combatants for Peace

**Location:** Olive and Fish, 2 Jabotinsky St, Jerusalem

**Hotel:** *Inbal Hotel | 3 Ze'ev Jabotinsky Street , Jerusalem | +972-2-675-6666*

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**TUESDAY, AUGUST 14: ISRAELI POLITICS AND JERUSALEM**

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**9:00 - 10:00 AM**

**Breakfast Briefing: Israeli Politics 101**

*An introduction to the Israeli political system, including structure, political parties, and political trends.*

**Speaker:** Boaz Rakocz, CEO & Founder, The Whistle

**Location:** Inbal Hotel

**10:00 - 11:00 AM**

**Tour of the Knesset**

*Learn about the Israeli parliament, the Knesset, its legislative process, structure, and operation.*

**11:00 - 11:45 AM**

**Meeting with MK Benny Begin, Likud**

*Hear from MK Benny Begin about top-line issues in Israeli politics and his opinion regarding the resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.*

**Location:** Knesset



<b>12:30 - 1:30 PM</b>	<p><b>Meeting with the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs</b>  <i>In this meeting, we will discuss Israel's foreign policy priorities and the relationship the MFA has with US Congress. Participants will also have the opportunity to ask questions about top-line foreign policy issues.</i></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Ambassador David Roet, Head of Bureau for North America Affairs</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>
<b>1:30 - 2:15 PM</b>	<b>Lunch en route to Inbal Hotel</b>
<b>2:30 - 3:30 PM</b>	<p><b>Meeting with Rabbi Aryeh Lightstone, Special Advisor to the US Ambassador to Israel</b>  <i>Hear from the Special Advisor to the US Ambassador to Israel regarding US policy in the region.</i></p> <p><b>Location:</b> Inbal Hotel</p>
<b>3:45 - 6:30 PM</b>	<p><b>East Jerusalem Tour</b>  <i>The final status of Jerusalem is considered to be one of the key issues to be negotiated in the resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Following the 1967 war, Israel annexed all of East Jerusalem, land which is beyond the Green Line and is inhabited predominantly by Palestinians. On this tour, we will visit areas of contention in East Jerusalem and evaluate the developments in Jerusalem and their impact on a potential solution for the core issue of Jerusalem.</i></p> <p><b>Guide:</b> Daniel Seidemann, Founder, Terrestrial Jerusalem</p>
<b>6:45 - 7:15 PM</b>	<p><b>Visit JEST (Jerusalem Entrepreneurs Society and Technology) Hub in E. Jerusalem</b>  <i>JEST is the first high-tech incubator in East Jerusalem. East Jerusalem has predominantly Arab neighborhoods and while the land was annexed by the State of Israel following the '67 war, the inhabitants have a different residency status than Palestinians living in the West Bank or Arab-Israelis living in Israel. We will hear from one of the incubator's project managers about its unique activity in cultivating high-tech initiatives and entrepreneurs from East Jerusalem.</i></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Rana Qutteineh, JEST Project Manager</p>
<b>7:30 - 9:30 PM</b>	<p><b>Dinner with Palestinian Business and Civil Society Leaders from Jerusalem</b>  <i>East Jerusalem has predominantly Arab neighborhoods and while the land was annexed by the State of Israel following the '67 war, the inhabitants have a different residency status than Palestinians living in the West Bank or Arab-Israelis living in Israel. We will meet with young Palestinians from the business and non-profit sectors and learn about their personal and professional journeys and how they relate to the complexity of E. Jerusalem.</i></p>

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**Guest Speakers:**

Bashar Azzeh, Advisor to the President of PLO Planning Center  
Rana Qutteineh, JEST Project Manager  
Mohammad Nasser Eldeen, National Program Director for SOS  
Children's Villages  
Dima Abumaria, Journalist  
Kamel Hussein, founder of the Ellam Tam Communications and  
Public Relations Company in Jerusalem  
Moien Odeh, Attorney and Legal expert

**Location:** Ambassador Hotel

**Hotel:** *Inbal Hotel | 3 Ze'ev Jabotinsky Street , Jerusalem | +972-2-675-6666*

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**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15: SETTLEMENTS & SECURITY**

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6:30 – 8:30 AM Buffet breakfast served at hotel

**8:30 - 9:30 AM** **Introduction to Settlement and Security Barrier Tour**  
*In this session, we will discuss key terminology, core issues, and paths forward.*

**Speaker:** Col. (res.) Ron Schatzberg, Senior Advisor, ECF (Economic Cooperation Foundation)

**Location:** Inbal Hotel

**9:30 – 11:30 AM** **Settlement and Security Barrier Tour**  
*On the ground visit to settlements and the security barrier; understanding Israel's security concerns, the legal and international ramifications of settlement expansion, as well as potential territorial and security solutions.*

**Guide:** Col. (res.) Ron Schatzberg

**11:30 AM-12:30 PM** **Meeting with Settlers**  
*We will hear first-hand personal narratives from residents from Efrat regarding their ideological and political justifications for living over the Green Line.*

**Speaker:** Yitzhak Sokoloff, resident of Efrat

**Location:** Efrat

12:30 PM Drive to Hebron

**1:15 - 2:00 PM** **Falafel Lunch in Hebron**

**2:00 - 4:00 PM** **Walking tour of Hebron**  
*Hebron is a city in the West Bank that can be considered a microcosm of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. On this walking tour of Hebron, we will visit the H2 area, see checkpoints in the city and see the Jewish settlement of Hebron.*



- 4:00 PM Drive to S. Hebron Hills
- 4:30 - 6:30 PM Tour of S. Hebron Hills and Visit to the Palestinian Village of Susya**  
*Learn about the situation of Palestinians living in Area C of the West Bank in communities under pending demolition orders.*
- 6:30 – 8:00 PM Dinner in Susya**  
*At dinner, we will be joined by residents of Susya and hear firsthand about daily life and the village’s pending demolition order.*
- Speaker:** Nasser Nawaja, Palestinian human rights activist from Susya
- 8:00 PM Drive to Jerusalem**

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**THURSDAY, AUGUST 16: PALESTINIAN POLICY AND POLITICS**

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- 6:30 – 8:30 AM Buffet breakfast served at hotel
- 8:30 – 10:00 AM Drive to Rawabi**
- 10:00 – 11:30 AM Tour of Rawabi and meeting with Mr. Bashar Masri**  
*Rawabi is Palestine’s first planned development community. It seeks to provide opportunities for home ownership, employment, education and leisure all in one place. We will tour the construction site and meet with the project’s visionary.*
- 11:30 PM Drive to Ramallah - Seminar on the bus: Palestinian Politics 101**  
*This session will serve as an orientation to the Palestinian political system.*
- 12:30 - 2:30 PM Lunch with Palestinian Business Leaders**  
*At lunch, we will be joined by a cadre of Palestinian business leaders. We will learn about the challenges the conflict presents to business development and will have a candid discussion about the Palestinian business sector’s achievements and challenges.*
- Speakers:**  
 Bashār Azzeh, Advisor to the President of PLO Planning Center  
 Amber Amleh, Ibtakar fund.  
 Adham Rishmawi, entrepreneur Christian Activists  
 Daren J, Zidan, Country Manager, Paces  
 Sarah Kuhail, GM is Al Nayzak NGO for innovation  
 Mohamad Khateeb, Young Business Leader
- Location:** Darna Restaurant, Ramallah
- 3:00 - 4:30 PM Meeting with Dr. Saeb Erekat, PLO Chief Negotiator**



*We will discuss the current state of affairs in Palestine and the PLO's political interests and positions with regard to negotiations and the diplomatic resolution of the conflict.*

**Location:** Ramallah

**4:30 - 5:15 PM**

**Walking tour of Ramallah**

*Learn about the establishment of the city of Ramallah, its current political significance, the demographic composition of the city, its culture, and day-to-day life in the city.*

**Guide:** Bashar Azzeh, Advisor to the President of PLO Planning Center

5:15 PM

Drive back to Jerusalem

6:30 - 7:30 PM

Executive time

**7:45 - 9:45 PM**

**Dinner and Screening of The Oslo Diaries**

*We will eat dinner as we watch the new documentary, The Oslo Diaries, which provides an account of 1,100 days of secret talks between Palestinians and Israelis as told by the people who were there at the table. Using the personal diaries of both Israeli and Palestinian participants, the film provides new insights into why peace keeps failing in the longest ongoing conflict of our times. This film gives additional context to the issues we are exploring on this trip. Yael Patir will lead us in a discussion following the film regarding the lessons learned from Oslo and paths forward.*

**Speaker:** Yael Patir, J Street Israel Director

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**FRIDAY, AUGUST 17: LOOKING FORWARD**

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**\*Logistical note:** We will be checking out of the hotel today. Before we meet, please (1) bring your luggage to the lobby and leave it with the front desk; (2) settle any additional items charged to your room at the front desk and (3) bring your passports.

8:30 - 9:00 AM

Walk to restaurant in German Colony

**9:00 – 10:15 AM**

**Breakfast with Nathan Thrall, International Crisis Group**

*The future of the US-Israel relationship and the potential role that the US can play in furthering the two-state solution under the current circumstances.*

**Location:** Kafit, 36 Emek Refaim, Jerusalem

**10:30 AM–11:45 PM Promoting a Progressive Agenda for Change**

*A presentation by Israeli progressive leaders about their strategies for political change in Israel. Each leader will present the basis for their theory of change. Participants will then have the opportunity to ask questions and engage in a discussion about the benefits and challenges relating to these different strategies.*

**Speakers:**

Dr. Avner Inbar, Co-Chair and Co-Founder, Molad

Yehuda Greenfield-Gilat, Jerusalem Municipality Council Member

**Location:** Molad Offices

**12:15 - 1:30 PM Tour of Machane Yehuda Market**

*The city of Jerusalem has changed hands many times throughout history. Many different peoples have laid claim to the city and call it home. On this tour, we will visit the biggest market in Jerusalem and one of the largest areas where the different cultures and societies intermingle. We will see first-hand how Jerusalemites from all backgrounds live, interact and engage in commerce and will sample local produce.*

**1:45 - 5:00 PM Old City of Jerusalem Walking Tour**

*Jerusalem's Old City contains important religious sites for three of the world's major religions. The status of Jerusalem and its holy sites is one of the key elements of a peace negotiation. On this tour, we will learn about the history of the city and understand the importance of these sites to the three main religions in the region.*

**Guide:** Ilan Bloch, Teaching Israel

**5:00 - 5:45 PM Executive time**

**6:00 – 8:00 PM Farewell Dinner**

*Each participant will have the opportunity to share their takeaways from their experiences over the past week and discuss how this will impact their work in the United States. We will review potential opportunities for action that support a diplomatic and peaceful resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.*

**Location:** Mona, 12 Shmuel Hanagid, Jerusalem

**8:30 PM Drive to Ben Gurion Airport**

*11:10 PM Flight departs to US*

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**SATURDAY, AUGUST 18: RETURN TO US**

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**7:24 AM** Flight lands at IAD